

## THE LEGISLATURE DOWN TO BUSINESS

### The McCreary and Crane Uniform Text Book Bills.

#### THE FORMER BILL POSTPONED

#### Florida Coast Line Canal Bill Extended.

Jamestown Exposition Bill Passes Senate—Railroad Commission Limited to \$15,000 by the House.

Tallahassee, May 25.—The Senate convened at 10 a. m. yesterday. The following important measures were disposed of:

Senate Bill No. 17, entitled an act to extend the time for completing the canal of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, and to preserve and continue the grant of land to aid in its construction. Bill was read the third time and passed, 26 to 1. On motion of Senator Zim the action of the Senate was ordered immediately certified to the House.

Under waiver of the rules House Bill No. 168, being "an act entitled an act to provide for the working of public roads of the State, and the working of convicts thereon," was read the second and third times and passed.

Senate Bill No. 257, by Mr. Canova, a bill to be entitled an act to require the return of the pro rata portion of license tax paid by any dealer in spirituous, vinous or malt liquors in any county or election district where an election is held under the provisions of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Florida, and the sale of such spirituous, vinous or malt liquors is prohibited, after the issue of such license, was read the second time and amended to include towns and ordered engrossed.

The committee substitute for House Bill No. 455, providing for the participation of the State of Florida in the Jamestown Exposition, was, on motion of Senator Harris, read the second and third times, under waiver of rules, and then passed, 22 to 2. The bill is identical with that introduced by Mr. Harris in the Senate yesterday.

The bill of Senator Carter, providing for assistance to voters in primary elec-

tions, was amended and passed by a vote of 25 to 3.

The consideration of the uniform school book bills came up. Both were reported by the committee without recommendation. Senate Bill No. 5, by Senator McCreary, was entitled an act to create a State school book commission and a county school book commission, and to procure for use in the public schools of the State of Florida a uniform series of text-books, and to define the duties and powers of said commission, to make preparations for carrying this act into effect and providing penalties for violation of same; and Senate Bill No. 112, by Mr. Crane, a bill to be entitled an act to create a State school book commission, and to procure for use in the public schools of the State of Florida a uniform series of text-books, and to define the duties and powers of said commission, to make preparations for carrying this act into effect and providing penalties for violation of same. After considerable discussion the McCreary bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Senator West the rules were waived and House Bill No. 344, a bill to provide for the appointment of an assistant State auditor and defining his duties, was passed.

The bill requiring the fencing of tracks by railways was passed, the law to exempt the yards of railroads at stations.

Senate Bill No. 341, by Mr. Canova, to provide for the payment of damages for any and all personal property destroyed under the direction of the State Board of Health, was read second time, amended and ordered engrossed.

House Bill No. 174, by Mr. Tillman, regulating the abolition, extension or contraction of the limits of special tax school districts, was under waiver of rules read second and third time and passed.

An effort to hold night sessions was of no avail.

Senate Bill No. 237, an act to amend the Revised Statutes of Florida relating to the practice of pharmacy in cities and towns of more than 200 inhabitants, and the sale of poison, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof, was read the second time, amended regarding physicians putting up prescriptions and registering as pharmacists, and ordered engrossed.

The Senate went into executive session to appoint Hon. Francis B. Carter

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to be judge of the First Judicial Circuit, after which it adjourned.

In the House.

Tallahassee, May 25.—At the opening of the House yesterday, Mr. Wells offered a resolution providing that all bills in the hands of committees shall be reported Monday morning. Adopted.

A bill was offered by Mr. Smith safeguarding persons from injury during automobile races. Bill read in full.

The committee appointed to confer with the Railroad Commission and attorney-general in regard to forbidding the employment of special counsel, was opposed to the bill forbidding aid in litigation when needed.

Mr. Persons' bill to provide for and require the payment of taxes on franchises, and to prescribe the method for the return and payment of said taxes, brought on an animated discussion, and was defeated.

House Bill No. 317, by Mr. Wilson of Jackson, a bill to be entitled an act to empower the State to engage in the life insurance business, to prescribe the powers and duties of the board of commissioners of State institutions in connection therewith, to provide for suits against the State upon insurance policies and to provide for the payment thereof, was passed to its third reading.

The Senate joint resolution No. 285, to change the Constitution relative to drainage, reclamation of swamp and overflowed lands, etc., was passed to its third reading.

The Everglades drainage bill passed the House by a vote of 43 to 3.

Mr. Carter introduced an act providing that any common carrier transporting freight shall pay claims for a loss or damage to any shipment received by said common carrier within a certain time from the filing by the shipper of said claims with the common carrier, and when under certain conditions they fail so to pay said claims, the said carrier shall pay interest on the said claim at the rate of twenty-five per cent per annum, and under certain conditions shall be allowed judgment for the said interest in addition to said claim, and the bill was ordered engrossed.

A bill by Mr. Canova, to define a school year and provide for its opening and closing, was passed to its third reading.

Mr. Johnston's cigarette bill was passed to its third reading. After several minor bills were read the House adjourned.

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Song, "Battle Hymns of the Republic"—School.

National Holidays—Six little girls. Recitation, "Say No"—Eva Rollins. The Ladies of the Aid Society.

"Not Guilty"—Joe Rollins. Our Flag—Two girls and one boy.

The Rival Orators—Two boys. Recitation, "The Battle of Bunker Hill"—Peter Perry.

The Four Celebrated Characters—Four girls. How She Cured Him—Two girls and one boy.

Music—Miss Mabel Zetrouer. Recitation, "Somebody's Darling"—Sadie Coulter.

The Fruit Verses—Thirteen boys. A Slight Misunderstanding—One boy and one girl.

The Courtship Under Difficulties—Two boys and one girl.

The Last Day of School—By pupils. Tableaux.

Song, "God be With You Till We Meet Again"—School.

The Valedictory—Mary Thigpin.

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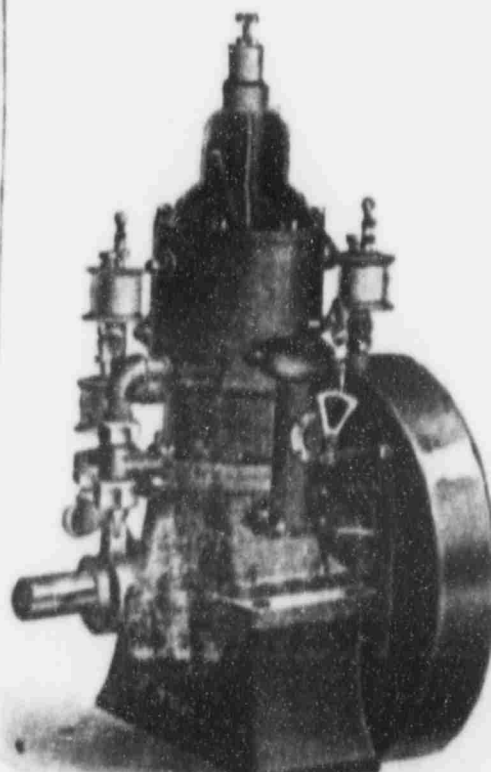
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